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NOON LECTURE AT UM ADDRESSES REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

MISSOULA --

Dr. Sam Downing, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Prowers Medical Center in Lamar, Colo., will present "A Voice for Choice" at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 23, in Room 138A of the Liberal Arts Building at The University of Montana.

Downing became interested in women's rights and reproductive rights in the mid-1960s after caring for two women who nearly lost their lives because of being denied safe access to abortion procedures. He has been directly involved in the area of obstetrics and gynecology for more than 40 years -- in private practice, as a civilian provider for the military, as a medical director for Planned Parenthood, as a director of Gynecological Tumor Services in Denver, and as an instructor, risk manager consultant, author and spokesperson.

"A Voice for Choice" is sponsored by InterMountain Planned Parenthood, the Montana National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, and the UM Women's Studies Program.

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